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25 Men and 5 Women to Receive President's Medals of Freedom

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WASHINGTON, July 3 — Twenty-five men and five women prominent in public affairs, business, science, education, journalism and the arts were announced today as winners of the Medal of Freedom, the highest civil honor the President can bestow.

In announcing the recipients' names, President Johnson said: "Collectively, they have made man's world safe, his physical body more durable, his mind broader, his leisure more delightful, his standard of living higher and his dignity important."

"They are creators; we are the beneficiaries."

Those receiving the medal range in age from 37 to 86 years old.

Three of the recipients of this

year's round of Freedom Medals are Negroes, two of whom are women.

Previous recipients include Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr., Marlene Dietrich, Brig. Gen. Robert G. Woodside, Arthur S. Fleming, Lewis L. Strauss, Christian A. Herter, Paul-Henri Spaak and John Foster Dulles.

Created in 1945 to reward civilian accomplishments in war, the award's scope was broadened in 1952 to include distinguished civilian contributions to the national security.

In February of 1963, President Kennedy reorganized the program to make it an annual recognition by the White House of persons who have contributed significantly to the quality of American life. Under the new system, Mr. Kennedy last July

named 31 to receive the medal but the actual award was not made until December after Mr. Johnson had succeeded him.

Today's White House announcement did not give a date for this year's presentation.

This year's recipients are:

Dean W. Acheson, 71, Secretary of State from 1949 to 1953 and a governmental adviser since.

Detlev W. Bronk, 66, a neurophysiologist who served for 12 years as head of the National Academy of Science.

Walt Disney, 62, pioneer in the animated cartoon field and a long-time motion picture producer.

Carl Vinson, 81, who is to retire at the end of the year after 50

years as a Representative from Georgia. He has been chairman of the House Armed Services Committee since its creation in 1947.

Aaron Copland, 63, composer, lecturer and teacher and a leading force in development of the modern American school of composition.

J. Frank Dobie, 75, writer, professor and authority on the folklore and history of Texas and the Southwest.

Dr. Lena Edwards, 63, physician and humanitarian who at the age of 60 gave up her private practice in Jersey City to devote herself to the medical care of migrant workers in the Texas panhandle.

T. S. Eliot, 76, Nobel Prize winner, author of poetry, plays and criticisms.

Alfred Lunt, 71, honored jointly with his wife, Lynn Fontanne. For 40 years the most distinguished husband-wife team of the American theater.

John W. Gardner, 51, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, 47, president of the University of Notre Dame since 1952.

Clarence L. Johnson, 51, aircraft engineer who designed the U-2 high-level reconnaissance plane and the new A-11 2,000 mile-an-hour interceptor.

Frederick R. Kappel, 62, chairman of the board of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Helen A. Keller, 84, left blind, deaf and speechless by an illness when she was 19 months old, Miss Keller overcame these handicaps and became a leading figure in worldwide efforts to assist the blind.

Willem de Kooning, 60, a leading American abstract-impressionist painter.

John L. Lewis, 84, retired president of the United Mine Workers.

Walter Lippmann, 73, journalist and columnist, twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize for interpretive writing.

Ralph Emerson McGill, 66, publisher and former editor of The Atlanta Constitution. A Pulitzer Prize winner for editorial writing.

Dr. Helen B. Taussig, 66, professor of pediatrics at The Johns Hopkins University and discoverer of surgical means to save

"blue babies."

Lewis Mumford, 68, author, social philosopher and authority on architecture and city planning.

Edward R. Murrow, 56, radio and television reporter and commentator and former head of the United States Information Agency.

Samuel Eliot Morison, 76, a historian noted particularly for his histories of naval affairs.

Reinhold Niebuhr, 72, theologian and American Protestant leader.

Leontyne Price, 37, American concert and opera star.

A. Philip Randolph, 75, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Carl Sandburg, 86, Pulitzer Prize winner, poet and biographer.

John Steinbeck, 62, author and playwright winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his novel "The Grapes of Wrath."

Thomas J. Watson Jr., president of the International Business Machines Corporation.

Dr. Paul Dudley White, 78, authority on the treatment, cause and prevention of heart disease.